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***"AN ACT CONCERNING A VOTER GUIDE FOR STATE ELECTIONS."***

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (b) of section 9-333b of the general statutes is  
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
5 *October 1, 2003*):

6 (b) As used in this chapter, "contribution" does not mean:

7 (1) A loan of money made in the ordinary course of business by a  
8 national or state bank;

9 (2) Any communication made by a corporation, organization or  
10 association to its members, owners, stockholders, executive or  
11 administrative personnel, or their families;

12 (3) Nonpartisan voter registration and get-out-the-vote campaigns

13 by any corporation, organization or association aimed at its members,  
14 owners, stockholders, executive or administrative personnel, or their  
15 families;

16 (4) Uncompensated services provided by individuals volunteering  
17 their time;

18 (5) The use of real or personal property, and the cost of invitations,  
19 food or beverages, voluntarily provided by an individual to a  
20 candidate or on behalf of a state central or town committee, in  
21 rendering voluntary personal services for candidate or party-related  
22 activities at the individual's residence, to the extent that the cumulative  
23 value of the invitations, food or beverages provided by the individual  
24 on behalf of any single candidate does not exceed two hundred dollars  
25 with respect to any single election, and on behalf of all state central  
26 and town committees does not exceed four hundred dollars in any  
27 calendar year;

28 (6) The sale of food or beverage for use in a candidate's campaign or  
29 for use by a state central or town committee at a discount, if the charge  
30 is not less than the cost to the vendor, to the extent that the cumulative  
31 value of the discount given to or on behalf of any single candidate does  
32 not exceed two hundred dollars with respect to any single election,  
33 and on behalf of all state central and town committees does not exceed  
34 four hundred dollars in a calendar year;

35 (7) Any unreimbursed payment for travel expenses made by an  
36 individual who on the individual's own behalf volunteers the  
37 individual's personal services to any single candidate to the extent the  
38 cumulative value does not exceed two hundred dollars with respect to  
39 any single election, and on behalf of all state central or town  
40 committees does not exceed four hundred dollars in a calendar year;

41 (8) The payment, by a party committee, political committee or an  
42 individual, of the costs of preparation, display, mailing or other  
43 distribution incurred by the committee or individual with respect to  
44 any printed slate card, sample ballot or other printed list containing

45 the names of three or more candidates;

46 (9) The donation of any item of personal property by an individual  
47 to a committee for a fund-raising affair, including a tag sale or auction,  
48 or the purchase by an individual of any such item at such an affair, to  
49 the extent that the cumulative value donated or purchased does not  
50 exceed fifty dollars;

51 [(10) The purchase of advertising space which clearly identifies the  
52 purchaser, in a program for a fund-raising affair, provided the  
53 cumulative purchase of such space does not exceed two hundred fifty  
54 dollars from any single candidate or the candidate's committee with  
55 respect to any single election campaign or two hundred fifty dollars  
56 from any single party committee or other political committee in any  
57 calendar year if the purchaser is a business entity or fifty dollars for  
58 purchases by any other person;]

59 [(11)] (10) The payment of money by a candidate to the candidate's  
60 candidate committee;

61 [(12)] (11) The donation of goods or services by a business entity to a  
62 committee for a fund-raising affair, including a tag sale or auction, to  
63 the extent that the cumulative value donated does not exceed one  
64 hundred dollars;

65 [(13)] (12) The advance of a security deposit by an individual to a  
66 telephone company, as defined in section 16-1, for telecommunications  
67 service for a committee, provided the security deposit is refunded to  
68 the individual; or

69 [(14)] (13) The provision of facilities, equipment, technical and  
70 managerial support, and broadcast time by a community antenna  
71 television company, as defined in section 16-1, for community access  
72 programming pursuant to section 16-331a, unless (A) the major  
73 purpose of providing such facilities, equipment, support and time is to  
74 influence the nomination or election of a candidate, or (B) such  
75 facilities, equipment, support and time are provided on behalf of a

76 political party.

77 Sec. 502. Subsection (c) of section 9-333j of the general statutes is  
78 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
79 *October 1, 2003*):

80 (c) (1) Each statement filed under subsection (a), (e) or (f) of this  
81 section shall include, but not be limited to: (A) An itemized accounting  
82 of each contribution, if any, including the full name and complete  
83 address of each contributor and the amount of the contribution; (B) in  
84 the case of anonymous contributions, the total amount received and  
85 the denomination of the bills; (C) an itemized accounting of each  
86 expenditure, if any, including the full name and complete address of  
87 each payee, the amount and the purpose of the expenditure, the  
88 candidate supported or opposed by the expenditure, whether the  
89 expenditure is made independently of the candidate supported or is an  
90 in-kind contribution to the candidate, and a statement of the balance  
91 on hand or deficit, as the case may be; (D) an itemized accounting of  
92 each expense incurred but not paid; (E) the name and address of any  
93 person who is the guarantor of a loan to, or the cosigner of a note with,  
94 the candidate on whose behalf the committee was formed, or the  
95 campaign treasurer in the case of a party committee or a political  
96 committee or who has advanced a security deposit to a telephone  
97 company, as defined in section 16-1, for telecommunications service  
98 for a committee; [(F) for each business entity or person purchasing  
99 advertising space in a program for a fund-raising affair, the name and  
100 address of the business entity and the name of the chief executive  
101 officer of the business entity or the name and address of the person,  
102 and the amount and aggregate amounts of such purchases; (G)] (F) for  
103 each individual who contributes in excess of one hundred dollars but  
104 not more than one thousand dollars, in the aggregate, to the extent  
105 known, the principal occupation of such individual and the name of  
106 the individual's employer, if any; [(H)] (G) for each individual who  
107 contributes in excess of one thousand dollars in the aggregate, the  
108 principal occupation of such individual, the name of the individual's

109 employer, if any, and a statement indicating whether the individual or  
110 a business with which he is associated has a contract with the state  
111 which is valued at more than five thousand dollars; and ~~[(I)]~~ (H) for  
112 each itemized contribution made by a lobbyist, the spouse of a lobbyist  
113 or any dependent child of a lobbyist who resides in the lobbyist's  
114 household, a statement to that effect. Each campaign treasurer shall  
115 include in such statement an itemized accounting of the receipts and  
116 expenditures relative to any testimonial affair held under the  
117 provisions of section 9-333k or any other fund-raising affair.

118 (2) Each contributor described in subparagraph ~~(F)~~, (G) ~~[(H)]~~ or (H) ~~[(I)]~~ or  
119 ~~(I)]~~ of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall, at the time he makes such  
120 a contribution, provide the information which the campaign treasurer  
121 is required to include under said subparagraph in the statement filed  
122 under subsection (a), (e) or (f) of this section. Notwithstanding any  
123 provision of subdivision (2) of section 9-7b, any contributor described  
124 in subparagraph ~~[(G)]~~ (F) of subdivision (1) of this subsection who  
125 does not provide such information at the time he makes such a  
126 contribution and any treasurer shall not be subject to the provisions of  
127 subdivision (2) of section 9-7b. If a campaign treasurer receives a  
128 contribution from an individual which separately, or in the aggregate,  
129 is in excess of one thousand dollars and the contributor has not  
130 provided the information required by said subparagraph ~~[(H)]~~ (G), the  
131 campaign treasurer: (i) Within three business days after receiving the  
132 contribution, shall send a request for such information to the  
133 contributor by certified mail, return receipt requested; (ii) shall not  
134 deposit the contribution until he obtains such information from the  
135 contributor, notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-333h; and (iii)  
136 shall return the contribution to the contributor if the contributor does  
137 not provide the required information within fourteen days after the  
138 treasurer's written request or the end of the reporting period in which  
139 the contribution was received, whichever is later. Any failure of a  
140 contributor to provide the information which the campaign treasurer is  
141 required to include under said subparagraph ~~[(G)]~~ (F) or ~~[(I)]~~ (H),  
142 which results in noncompliance by the campaign treasurer with the

143 provisions of said subparagraph [(G)] (F) or [(I)] (H), shall be a  
144 complete defense to any action against the campaign treasurer for  
145 failure to disclose such information.

146 (3) Contributions from a single individual to a campaign treasurer  
147 in the aggregate totaling thirty dollars or less need not be individually  
148 identified in the statement, but a sum representing the total amount of  
149 all such contributions made by all such individuals during the period  
150 to be covered by such statement shall be a separate entry, identified  
151 only by the words "total contributions from small contributors".

152 (4) Statements filed in accordance with this section shall remain  
153 public records of the state for five years from the date such statements  
154 are filed.

155 Sec. 503. Subsection (g) of section 9-333l of the general statutes is  
156 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
157 *October 1, 2003*):

158 (g) As used in this subsection, "immediate family" means any  
159 spouse or dependent child who resides in a lobbyist's household. Each  
160 lobbyist who is an individual and, in conjunction with members of his  
161 immediate family, makes contributions to or purchases from  
162 committees exceeding one thousand dollars in the aggregate during  
163 the twelve-month period beginning July 1, 1993, or July first in any  
164 year thereafter, shall file a statement, sworn under penalty of false  
165 statement, with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the  
166 provisions of section 9-333e, on the second Thursday in July following  
167 the end of such twelve-month period. The statement shall include: (1)  
168 The name of each committee to which the lobbyist or a member of his  
169 immediate family has made a contribution and the amount and date of  
170 each such contribution; and (2) the name of each committee from  
171 which the lobbyist or member of his immediate family has purchased  
172 any item of property [or advertising space in a program] in connection  
173 with a fund-raising event which is not considered a contribution under  
174 subsection (b) of section 9-333b and the amount, date and description

175 of each such purchase. Each lobbyist who is an individual and who, in  
176 conjunction with members of his immediate family, does not make  
177 contributions to or purchases from committees exceeding one  
178 thousand dollars in the aggregate during any such twelve-month  
179 period shall file a statement, sworn under penalty of false statement,  
180 with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions of  
181 section 9-333e, on the second Thursday in July, so indicating.

182 Sec. 504. Subdivision (1) of subsection (e) of section 1-79 of the  
183 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
184 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

185 (1) A political contribution otherwise reported as required by law or  
186 a donation or payment as described in subdivision (9) [or (10)] of  
187 subsection (b) of section 9-333b, as amended by this act.

188 Sec. 505. Subdivision (1) of subsection (g) of section 1-91 of the  
189 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
190 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

191 (1) A political contribution otherwise reported as required by law or  
192 a donation or payment described in subdivision (9) [or (10)] of  
193 subsection (b) of section 9-333b, as amended by this act."